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Significant Counterterrorism (CT) Issues:

U.S. SAYS ISIS HAS BECOME A GLOBAL NETWORK THAT INSPIRES ATTACKS



The United States is seeing the Islamic State evolving into a global network that inspires extremist ideology and attacks elsewhere, said the U.S. Coordinator for Counterterrorism at State Department recently.

<https://www.usnews.com/news/world/articles/2020-06-24/us-says-isis-evolved-to-become-a-global-network-that-inspires-attacks-worldwide>

AQIM LEADER KILLED, BUT AL-QAEDA REMAINS A HIGHLY RESILIENT FOE

Even with the death of Abdelmalik Droukdal, one of al-Qaeda's longest serving regional commanders and a prominent jihadist leader in the Sahel, al-Qaeda's global network remains highly resilient.

<https://thesoufancenter.org/intelbrief-aqim-leader-killed-but-al-qaeda-remains-a-highly-resilient-adversary/>



VIOLENCE BY FAR-RIGHT IS AMONG US'S MOST DANGEROUS THREATS



Violence by far-right groups and individuals has emerged as one of the most dangerous terrorist threats faced by US law enforcement and triggered a wave of warnings and arrests of people associated with those extremist movements.

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/jun/27/us-far-right-violence-terrorist-threat-analysis>

Significant Counterintelligence Issues:

FORMER CIA STATION CHIEF: THE US IS 'UNDER SIEGE' BY CHINESE SPIES

The United States is under siege by Chinese espionage, former CIA Station Chief Daniel Hoffman asserted recently. In a recent interview, the former CIA station chief explained that Chinese spies are targeting American academics, researchers, businesses, and national security officials.

<https://www.foxnews.com/media/dan-hoffman-the-us-is-under-siege-by-chinese-espionage>





BUREAU HAS OVER 2,000 ACTIVE INVESTIGATIONS LINKED TO CHINA: FBI



FBI Director Christopher Wray recently stated that the bureau has over 2,000 active investigations linked to the Chinese government. The FBI reportedly revealed the information in an affidavit filed in federal court last year revealing details of “the fruits of cutting-edge American scientific research...which efforts involve intellectual property thefts on a massive scale.”

<https://www.wionews.com/world/bureau-has-over-2000-active-investigations-linked-to-chinese-government-fbi-308755>

CHINESE MILITARY OFFICER ARRESTED WHILE ALLEGEDLY STEALING US MEDICAL RESEARCH

A Chinese military officer was caught trying to leave California with university research materials this month, after allegedly lying on an application to obtain a visitor visa for a work-study exchange program, the Justice Department announced recently. Xin Wang, a scientific researcher and officer with China’s People’s Liberation Army (PLA), was arrested at LAX as he was attempting to board his flight to Tianjin, China.



<https://www.foxnews.com/us/chinese-military-officer-arrested-us-medical-research>

Analyst Notes – Items to Watch:

With the news dominated by Coronavirus and civil unrest in the United States and elsewhere, ISIS influence in the Middle East and Africa is growing. Despite the loss of one of the oldest leaders in Al-Qaeda, AQIM and other Al-Qaeda affiliated groups continue to grow in strength and influence across the Middle East and Africa. With the global pandemic still raging, Chinese espionage against the United States continues to expand. The espionage efforts range from targeting academics, researchers and businesses to a sizable effort to recruit foreign scientists and experts using the “Thousand Talents” recruitment program. The NASA CI/CT division continues to monitor these threats and any others that have the potential to harm NASA or its equities.

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